

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Department of Transportation



### **d.** Planning & Sustainability Division

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Commissioner Clarence Lee  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D  
1519 Trinidad Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
Via Email: [5D07@anc.dc.gov](mailto:5D07@anc.dc.gov)

**NOI # 20-76-PSD**

**Re: Notification for the Installation of one-way protected bikeways in the 1800 through 2100 blocks of West Virginia Avenue, NE**

Dear Chair Lee,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent to install one-way protected bikeways on the 1800 through 2100 blocks of West Virginia Avenue, NE, from Mt. Olivet Road through Montana Avenue, NE. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction.

DDOT proposes to:

- Install one-way protected bikeways on the 1800 through 2100 blocks of West Virginia Avenue, NE.
- Install shared lane markings (sharrows) on West Virginia Avenue, NE from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Montana Avenue, NE
- Create a right-turn pocket to the entrance of the District’s Vehicle Maintenance Complex at Fenwick Street, NE
- Repurpose the parking lane on the west side of West Virginia Avenue, NE from Fenwick through 17<sup>th</sup> Streets, NE

The existing condition of West Virginia Avenue, NE in this area is a single wide travel lane and curbside parking on both sides of the street. Adding protected bicycle lanes on this corridor will help people on bicycles stay safe while riding along the corridor and provide safe bicycle routes for those heading to and from the Ivy City neighborhood. The existing curb-to-curb width of West Virginia Avenue, NE allows DDOT to add these protected bikeways while retaining most parking spaces and reducing lane sizes to a safer width.

This design will improve safety along the corridor by reducing instances of speeding, shortening the effective crossing distance for pedestrians, and providing physical and spatial separation between people on bicycles and general motor traffic on the corridor from Mt. Olivet Road through Montana Avenue, NE. Research and experience suggest that the reduction in width to the travel lane will reduce speeding in the corridor.

DDOT anticipates the following benefits:

- Slower vehicular speeds and improved compliance with traffic control devices
- Comfortable bicycling facilities for people traveling in and through the corridor
- Improved safety due to reduction of existing conflicts.

This segment is an important step in expanding the protected bicycle lane network, now also used by scooters and other personal mobility devices, in the District of Columbia. Adding these facilities is an important part of DDOT's work to improve safety for all roadway users. The West Virginia Avenue, NE corridor is a popular route for cycling to and from businesses on the corridor and the nearby businesses and residences in Ivy City and will connect to the future multi-use trail planned for New York Avenue, NE to the north and the protected bikeways on Florida Avenue, NE to the south when the second segment from Mt. Olivet Road to Florida Avenue, NE is constructed in 2021. A Capital Bikeshare station, requested by your ANC, was recently installed one block to the west on Capitol Avenue, NE.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing, no later than October 8th, 2020, fifty-one (51) business days after the date of this notice, with the District Department of Transportation Planning and Sustainability Division, 55 M Street, SE, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC, 20003 or via email at [greg.matlesky@dc.gov](mailto:greg.matlesky@dc.gov). If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <https://wiki.ddot.dc.gov/display/NOI>. In addition, if you have questions, have trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact me at 202-497-5086.

Sincerely,



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